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DEPT WILL RECALL THAT WE TOLD PRIMIN IN APRIL (PARA 11, ADDIS 4136) OF EMBASSY MOGADISCIO'S BELIEF THAT SOMALIA WAS NOT LIKELY ATTACK ETHIOPIA SOON UNLESS ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL SCENE DRASTICALLY DETERIORATED BEYOND SITUATION AT THAT TIME. ALTHOUGH WE WILL MAKE THIS OBSERVATION AGAIN IF SUBJECT NATURALLY ARISES IN AN EARLY CONVERSATION, WE WOULD PREFER NOT MAKE SPECIFIC AND OBVIOUS EFFORT TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT AGAIN. WE BELIEVE A DEMARCHE ALONG THESE LINES WOULD NOT ALTER ETHIOPIAN POLICY BUT MIGHT SUGGEST TO PRIMIN AND OTHERS THAT US IS DELIBERATELY STRESSING THIS POINT FOR REASONS OF SELF-INTEREST ONLY, I.E., TO JUSTIFY PRESENT LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. MOREOVER, TO STRESS THIS POINT TOO STRONGLY AND TOO OFTEN WILL INCREASE POSSIBILITY OF DRASTIC REACTIONS AGAINST US IF OUR PREDICTION PROVES INCORRECT.

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